

### BIBLE STILL BEST SELLER AMONG BOOKS

NEARLY 10,000,000 YEARLY

In United States and Leadership Shown also in Other Lands; Some Reasons Given for Its Popularity

The Bible still holds the first place in circulation among books in America. At the eleventh annual meeting of the American Bible Society last week it was announced that the circulation in 1926 approached 10,000,000 copies (the exact figure being 9,917,361 volumes), an increase of more than a half-million over the preceding year, making a total circulation under the auspices of this venerable society of 184,028,860 volumes.

This doubtless includes copies sent to other parts of the world, but even so it does not include an enormous circulation through other agencies. Last month the British and Foreign Bible Society at its one hundred twenty-third meeting over which the lord mayor of London presided, celebrated the purchase in China alone for last year of "well over 4,000,000 volumes," and its own publication in all of 10,128,087 copies of the Bible in no fewer than 592 languages.

When a million members of a single denomination in America are asked to read a chapter a day in one of the books of the Bible, it is easy to understand why the circulation mounts; for what is true of one is in a measure true of all. It is to be noted also that in New York credit may now be given through regents' counts for the study of the Bible outside of the schools, and that under a decision of the court of appeals all public school pupils may be excused for attendance upon religious instruction, also outside of the schools. This is permitted in several other states.

The Bible is likely to keep its place in a nation the foundations of whose society and government, as President Coolidge has said, rest to such an extent upon the teaching of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country.

### MUCH TIMBER USED BY ILLINOIS MINES

"It may seem rather strange to hear that coal companies are interested in timber, when coal and timber are competitors in the fuel business," says R. B. Miller, Chief Forester of the Illinois State Conservation Department. "But one of the problems of the coal mining industry is the timber bill, including mine props, legs, bars and mine ties.

"According to figures based on extensive mining operations in Illinois, in co-operation with the U. S. Bureau of Mines, it is found that it takes .25 of a cubic foot of wood to mine a ton of coal. This is just one-quarter of the yearly output of coal expressed in cubic feet, not far from 200,000,000 cubic feet annually, or 200,000 cords.

"Wood has been so plentiful in the past that not much has been thought of the interdependence of forests and coal mines. But prices for timber used in mines has been steadily increasing, due to the scarcity of raw material, higher freight rates and increased labor costs, and it is becoming a considerable item in the cost of coal production.

"Lands have been purchased for the coal beneath the surface. But after the coal is removed, companies still have to pay taxes on the surface land. They figure a loss will be prevented if this land is in some productive crop, such as timber. With this idea in mind some companies are making inquiries as to the cost of growing timber and the profit to be derived from it.

"In Illinois there are some 'strip mines,' with the coal removed with steam shovels, throwing up the dirt in big mounds called 'spoil banks.' This ground is so rough that it cannot be levelled off and farmed profitably.

"In Ohio they have solved the problem by planting trees on these 'spoil banks.' Black locust has done well because it has a legume or pod and thrives well on the limestone soil of the 'spoil banks,' growing so rapidly that the locust borer does not injure the tree badly. Some of the 'strip mines' in Illinois are becoming interested in this proposition on their own part. Others are offering to sell the land to the state for reforestation.

"Thus, even in coal mining, we cannot dodge the question of timber consumption and production."

Claimed the world is out of joint, but in spite of that it manages to hobble down to the office and do quite a stroke of work every day.

If President Coolidge is asked to state his views on the issues of the day, he will probably be willing to tell how he thinks fish should be caught.

If Lindbergh should be asked what he wants most now, he would probably say a chance to put on his overalls and go to work on his plane.

Recent news suggests that a good many women should use shooting lions less and fastidions more.

Good many people disappearing just before they were to be married, which at least is better judgment than to disappear immediately after.

### ENLISTED MEN IN WEST POINT CLASS

Fourteen of Them in Graduating List This Year; Democratic System, Reason

The one thing certain to strike the imagination about the recent West Point Military Academy graduation (when 208 young cadets were commissioned as officers of the United States army) is the fact that fourteen of that number had been enlisted men in the regular army. Just once in so often the public mind is apt to run away with the thought of West Point and Annapolis, the military and naval schools of the United States government, as places where only the materially and culturally well-to-do have a chance. It is fitting, accordingly, that once each year, public attention be attracted to the fact that West Point is open to all, and that the regular army soldier, if he has the ability, can find an entrance there. To the honor and credit of the regular army, let it be said, that among the fourteen graduated, most of the men ranked high in scholarship and military prowess. Two were cadet captains, one was a cadet lieutenant and two others were running neck and neck for the distinction of being No. 1, or the honor man of the academy. We are all the better for seeing and learning about happenings like this.

### REPORTERS PROMISED BIG TIME IN DAKOTA

Those Who Go with President to Black Hills Will Enjoy the Life

The White House newspaper correspondents who will journey to the Black Hills with the President are going to have a surprisingly interesting time. It will be a good thing for them and for the newspaper reading public to have these young men for two months or more out in the country where the hills are mountains, where the ponds are lakes, and where a short hitch is ten miles instead of two city blocks. They will have the characteristics of tenderfeet to begin with, including the shortcomings of men who have spent their life on hard pavements at an altitude of only three feet above sea level. The men who will make the journey are among the ablest newspaper men in Washington. Their positions are those of responsibility, for it is through them that the people of the country are advised of the activities of the President. It may take a week for the shaking down, but the good people of South Dakota will welcome them gladly, and will, unless we are all mistaken, part from them with regret when the President leaves.

### WARNING IS GIVEN FRAUD ADVERTISERS

BY FEDERAL TRADE HEAD

Says They Are Robbing Thousands and Unscrupulous Newspapers Act as Accomplices

Warning that publishers of fraudulent advertisements must clean house was made by William C. Humphrey, federal trade commissioner, in addressing the annual convention of the National Confectioners' association recently at Atlantic City, says the Christian Science Monitor.

"Remedy for the evil of fake advertisements that are robbing the people of the country of hundreds of millions of dollars annually lies with the publishers," said Mr. Humphrey. "Publishers who for hire issue these fake advertisements are equally guilty with the principal originating them. They share in the ill-gotten gains. We have accomplished something with the originators of these schemes, but comparatively little. When they are usually fleet and cunning. They locate they vanish and commence business again in some new locality under a different name. For this reason among others, we have found proceeding against them has not accomplished what we hoped.

"When we proceed against magazines and newspapers publishing these advertisements, these concerns cannot quit business as soon as the complaint is served against them. They must appear and defend the action.

"No reputable publisher need have any fear of the Federal Trade Commission. On the other hand the commission wants to co-operate with and help the honest publisher. We want only to protect the public from fakers and the honest publisher from their unfair and dishonest competition. We know of no other way than by stopping publication and circulation of these advertisements. In this fight we want and expect the help of every reputable and honest publisher."

This is said to be the age of problems, and the boy with his arithmetic exam to pass will say so.

While the motorists boast of their narrow squeaks, considerable squeaking is done by the people who are run over by them.

The old man may not make out very well when he tries to paint the furniture, but anyway he is highly successful in getting it all over his clothes.

### SAYS GOOD WORD FOR WOMAN BOSS

AVERAGE GOOD EMPLOYER

State Industrial Commissioner of Missouri Says She Finds Them about Same as Men as a Rule

Will women work for a woman as well as they will for a man?

Mrs. Alice Curtice Moyer-Wing, State Industrial Commissioner of Missouri, who was the second woman in the country to hold a place in a governor's cabinet, speaks a word against the old notion that women want men bosses. In an article "When a Woman is the Head" in the June Scribner's Magazine, she says:

"All the old prejudices have been given expression in one way or another. The incident of my first confirmation by the State Senate will serve as an example. An irreconcilable member was determinedly opposing my confirmation. When pressed for reason he said many things, one of which was that the women of the department were dissatisfied and unhappy in their work. The girls in my office wrote to him, but they could have saved their time and postage. They were women and everybody knew that women never know what they want. It was perfectly plain that women could not work for women. They wanted men bosses, women did.

"Right here might be the time and the place to say a word for the 'woman boss.' I have known several and I am convinced that there are as many good employers among women according to their number as there are among men. I have talked with women and men who have worked for both women and men and have been told by them that in some ways the woman boss has the 'edge' over the man. For one thing, they say that she is largely free from the peculiar 'boss habits' of grouchiness and impatience, and that just because things might have gone wrong somewhere, she does not 'take it out' on her employees. During a long business experience of my own I served two periods, one each, under the personal direction of two persons I considered intolerable. One was a woman; the other a man."

Now that the war in Nicaragua is over without involving Uncle Sam in any bloodshed what will the pacifists find next to worry about?

One drawback about being a multimillionaire is that you don't dare make a good looking girl any kind of a promise.

A real pacifist is a man who can kiss the rolling pin which smites him. Judging from his reply to Mr. Mellon, Lord Churchill is one fellow who takes college presidents seriously.


"Young Eagle" Lindbergh went up 10,000 feet trying to get above the sleet storm in his record flight, New York to Paris. Whereby the Minnesota boys busted another old saw—"that high flying does not pay."

In 1492 the world was as cocksure and felt that it knew everything about everything but look what Columbus found. You never know as much as there is to be known.—Atchinson Globe.

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